

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's correctional system is the oldest in the Nation, evolving from the establishment of Philadelphia's Walnut Street Jail in 1773 and the Eastern Penitentiary in 1829; and

WHEREAS, the "Pennsylvania System," as it became known, was the leading influence in the development of penology throughout the 19th Century and the forerunner of modern corrections; and

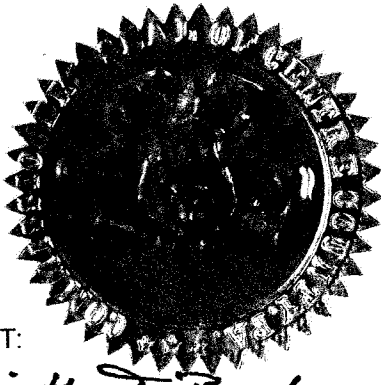
WHEREAS, today, Pennsylvania faces new and difficult challenges in corrections with 26 state correctional institutions, 14 community corrections centers, over 39 contract community corrections facilities, a motivational boot camp, 63 county prisons and jails, and fifteen federal institutions all of which house more than 100,000 inmates; and

WHEREAS, the safe and secure operation and management of those facilities on a daily basis rests in the hands of more than 30,000 trained, skilled and dedicated corrections professionals who hold various positions such as warden, deputy warden, corrections officers, clergy, educators, medical professionals, counselors, food service, clerical support, etc; the functions of Centre County Prison's correctional system depend upon the skills, efficiency and professionalism of corrections employees; and

WHEREAS, although each of these dedicated professionals work in different fields and specialize in a specific area, all are committed to a common goal: the safe, secure and humane operation of Centre County's Correctional Facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim **May 6 - 12, 2012**, as "**Corrections Employee Week**" in Centre County and encourages all citizens to recognize the vital role these dedicated professionals play in ensuring the effective operation of our correctional system in the interest of public safety in our community.

ADOPTED this 8th day of May 2012.



ATTEST:

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